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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TIMELY FILED

For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Mills, for confirmation that the references listed on the PTO-1449 forms attached to the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 23, 2001, March 26, 2002, April 19, 2002, June 20, 2002, August 6, 2002 and November 13, 2002 have been considered.

On October 23, 2001, March 26, 2002, April 19, 2002, June 20, 2002, August 6, 2002 and November 13, 2002 Applicants filed Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) with PTO-1449 forms attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of the cited references were also included. These IDS' were received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2001, March 26, 2002, April 19, 2002, June 20, 2002, August 6, 2002

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and November 13, 2002 as shown on the returned, date-stamped postcards, copies of which are attached. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the Information Disclosure Statements filed are enclosed.

An Office Action for this application was mailed on March 17, 2004. However, Examiner Mills has not returned copies of the PTO-1449 forms indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 23, 2001, March 26, 2002, April 19, 2002, June 20, 2002, August 6, 2002 and November 13, 2002.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby request confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements. Examiner Mills is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 forms to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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